

Preface to the Second Edition

Seven years have passed since publication of the first edition of the *Pocket Atlas of Oral Diseases*, and its enthusiastic acceptance by dentists, physicians, and medical and dental students has exceeded an expectations. For the second edition the clinical orientation of the book remains unchanged. However the book now contains 31 new topics and over 100 additional color plates. A number of existing illustrations have been replaced by more representative high-quality color plates. The original text has been revised and updated to keep pace with the latest concepts in oral medicine.

For more clinical information, readers may refer to my major book *Color Atlas of Oral Diseases*, third edition, 2003, and for treatment details to my recent book *Treatment of Oral Diseases*, 2005, both published by Georg Thieme Publishers.

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